XI. Ambergris *found in* Whales. *Communicated by Dr.* Boylſton *of* Boſton *in* New-England.

THE moſt learned Part of Mankind are ſtill at a Loſs about many Things, even in medical Uſe; and, particularly, were ſo in what is called *Ambergris*, until our *Whale* Fiſhermen of *Nantucket*, in *New-England*, ſome three or four Years paſt, made the Diſcovery. Their Account to me is this.

Cutting up a *Spermaceti* Bull *Whale*, they found accidentally in him, about twenty Pound Weight, more or leſs, of that Drug. After which, they, and other ſuch Fiſhermen, became very curious in ſearching all ſuch Whales they kill'd; and it has been ſince found in leſſer Quantities, in ſeveral Male Whales of that Kind, and in no other, and that ſcarcely in one of an Hundred of them. They add further, that it is contained in a Cyſt, or Bag, without any inlet or outlet to it, and that they have ſometimes found the Bag empty, and yet entire.

The Bag is no where to be found, but near the Genital Parts of the Fiſh. The *Ambergris* is, when firſt taken out, moiſt, and of an exceeding ſtrong and offenſive Smell.

Whether or not (*from the Account above*) *the* Ambergris *be naturally, or accidentally produced in that Fiſh, I leave to the Learned to determine.*